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Florence, July 1. *N. S.*

THE Expedition of the French and Spaniards, with the Gallies of the Duke of Turfis, againſt Sardinia, is now at an end. Sir John Norris coming to an Anchor with the Fleet, at the Place where the Enemy had landed four hundred Men, immediately ſeized upon the Barks that tranſported them, after which the Imperial Troops landed, and marched up up directly to the Enemy, who, though they had poſſeſſed themſelves of a ſmall Village called Terra-Nova, ſurrendred themſelves Priſoners of War. Sir John Norris took alſo in thoſe Veſſels eight hundred Barrels of Powder, twelve pieces of Cannon, and three Mortars: After this the Admiral being informed that the Duke of Turfis, with the Gallies and ſome Barks, were detained at Bonifacio in Corſica, he immediately made thither; but finding they were eſcaped, he ſailed to another Port in the Iſland, where four Barks and ſix hundred Men had retired; the Men for their Safety fled to the Mountains; and the Admiral having made himſelf Maſter of the Veſſels, and their Ammunition, proceeded on his Voyage to Barcelona. The ſix Gallies belonging to the Duke of Turfis, with two of Sicily, are got to Genoa, with eight hundred Men on Board, moſt of whom are ſick; and the Duke of Turfis is likewiſe ſeized with a Fever. The Enemy have loſt one thouſand three hundred Men in this Expedition, beſides all their Tranſports, Stores, Artillery and Ammunition. The Pope, ſince his Return from Caſtel Gandolfo, finds himſelf again indiſpoſed, and his former Diſtempers are returned upon him; it is therefore believed he will again remove into the Country.

Venice, July 4. *N. S.* The Chevalier Guiſtiniani, the late Baily at Conſtantinople, is come out of the Lazzaretto, where he has been forty days, and is gone to his Palace, where he is preparing to make a ſolemn Entry into this City, in order to take upon him the Dignity of Procurator of St. Mark. Mr. Broughton, the Britiſh Conſul, having for ſome time had a Patent as Conſul from Spain, this Senate hath ordered thoſe Veſſels that come from Ports, of which the King of Spain is in actual Poſſeſſion, ſhall pay the Duties to him. The Emperor's Ambaſſador to this State has preſented a Memorial, proteſting very warmly againſt the College for accepting the Parent of the Duke of Anjou, which conſtitutes a Florentine his Conſul here. They write from Naples, that ſix armed Felucca's of Livany having taken ſome Barks on the Coaſt of Naples, had been chaſed into a Creek, and were taken by the Neapolitan Barks, that were ſent to purſue them; theſe Felucca's were brought into Naples, having on Board one hundred and ſeventy of the Pirates. Letters from Rome adviſe, that an Expreſs to the Cardinal de la Tremouille had brought Letters from the French King to the Pope, deſiring a Diſpenſation for the Marriage of the Duke of Berry with Madamoiſelle d'Orleans. The Meſſenger that brought this Expreſs was introduced to the Pope himſelf, and immediately diſpatched with the ſaid Diſpenſation. The Pope hath ſent alſo to Vienna the Bull for the Biſhoprick of Faenza, which is given to his Nuncio Signior Piazza, who had alſo the Grant of a rich Abby in the Milaneſe. The Nuncio for this Republick was not yet named. It was ſaid that the Prince of Paleſtrino would preſent his great Palace, called Palazzo Barbarino, to the French King, that his Majeſty may lodge his Ambaſſador therein, and he is preparing for his Journey to Spain, where he is to be created Adjutant General to the Duke of Anjou.

Vienna, July 5. *N. S.* Letters from Bender of the 5th paſt ſay, that the King of Sweden ſeemed reſolved not to leave that Place, 'till he could return at the Head of an Army; that he was in hopes the Sultan would not only permit the Tartars to begin a War with Muſcovy (of which they are ſaid to be very deſirous) but alſo that he himſelf would at laſt be prevailed upon to furniſh his Swediſh Majeſty with a good Body of Troops. There are alſo Advices from Conſtantinople which ſay, that the King hath already aſſembled ten thouſand Men at Bender. Yeſterday Count Schrohumbucht, Dean of the Chapter of Saltsburg, and Envoy Extraordinary from the Archbiſhop, received from the Emperor the Inveſtiture of the Temporalities of the Archbiſhoprick of Saltsburg. The Marquis Balbi, Envoy Extraordinary from the Republick of Genoa, is returned to Italy. General Heiſter and Marquis Cuſani ſet out yeſterday for Hungary. The Imperial Army is aſſembled in the Neighbourhood of Raab.

From the Camp at Viler-Brulin, July 17. *N. S.* On Tueſday the 15th the Troops appointed for the Siege of Bethune marched and inveſted that Place. General Schullemburg and General Fagel, who command the Foot, are to have the Direction of the two Attacks, with two Lieutenants-General, four Majors-General, and as many Brigadiers at each. A great part of the Artillery and Ammunition for the Siege lyes ready at Douay, and the reſt will arrive on the 19th at Liſle from Ghent. In the mean time, for the Security of their Paſſage to the Siege, and the Safety of our Convoys of Bread, the Hereditary Prince of Heſſe marched this Morning with thirty Squadrons, and twelve Battalions, with Orders to take Poſt between Lens and La Baſſée, and to break down all the Bridges on the Canal, except thoſe at Pont a Vendin, where our Convoys are to paſs.

Hague, July 18. *N. S.* The States of Holland and Weſt-Friezland were re-aſſembled on the 16th, and the ſame day the Lord Townſhend and the Penſionary Heinſius had a long Conference with the Dutch Deputies that are employed in the Negotiations with the Miniſters of France. The India Fleet being more numerous than uſual, and very richly laden, the Arrival of it hath occaſioned an extraordinary Joy. On the 14th a rich Fleet from the Baltick, conſiſting of ſixty Veſſels, came ſafe into the Texel, under Convoy of four Men of War. The Admiralty of Amſterdam have commanded the Dutch Men of War that convoyed the Fleet from India, to attend the five Engliſh Ships that came in their Company, and to conduct them in Safety within the Mouth of the Thames. Yeſterday in the Evening the Ambaſſador of Muſcovy received the News of the Surrender of Wyburg, on the 25th of June, to the Czar. Our laſt Advices from Flanders ſay, that General Wood is to command the Cavalry appointed to ſerve in the Siege of Bethune, which is to conſiſt of ſix Imperial Squadrons, ſix Engliſh, and ſix Dutch. The Town was inveſted on the 15th with twenty ſix Battalions, whereof three are Engliſh, nine Dutch, and the reſt are Germans and Auxiliaries. The number of the whole Detachment amounts to twenty thouſand Men. The Garriſon conſiſts of nine Battalions, and ſome Squadrons of Dragoons; and we hear that the Enemy have cauſed an Inundation on one ſide of the Town. Mareſchal Villars was encamped behind his new Lines, and the Generals of the Allies had ordered a Camp to be marked out to cover the Siege. We have Advices by the way of France of the ſafe Arrival of Sir John Norris, with the Confederate Fleet, and Imperial Reinforcements, at Barcelona.

Whitehall, July 13. The Queen has been pleaſed to appoint Brigadier-General Thomas Pulteney, Major-General of Her Majeſty's Forces, his Commiſſion bearing Date with thoſe of the General Officers conſtituted at the laſt Promotion.

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